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- 1. IT IS HOPEFUL THAT LOPEZ IS ADVISING HIS DELEGATION TO SOFT-PEDAL THE SITUATION IN MEXICO, AS SOMOZA STATES. IF THE SUMMIT MEETING OCCURS EARLY NEXT WEEK, HOWEVER, IT IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER THE TWO DELEGATIONS WILL HAVE SUFFICIENT INSTRUCTIONS TO DO ANYTHING MORE THAN TERMINATE.
- 2. AS FOR SOMOZA'S PROPOSAL THAT THE OAS EXTEND THE NEGOTIATIONS FOR 30 DAYS, IT IS OUR IMPRESSION THAT THIS COULD ONLY BE BASED ON THE REQUEST OF BOTH PARTIES, WHICH STILL LEAVES US WITH THE PROBLEM OF GETTING A TANDEM POLICY FROM BOTH GOVERNMENTS.
- 3. ALTHOUGH WE ARE AWARE THAT GOH, FOR REASONS OF SECRET

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ITS OWN, MAY INSIST ON ANOTHER DEADLINE, WE WOULD

HOPE THAT WHATEVER PROPOSALS ARE MADE FROM US SIDE CAN AVOID IDEA OF 30-DAY EXTENSION. VIRTUALLY NOTHING MORE WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED ON PROBLEM DURING CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS, AND FIRST WEEK IN JANUARY WILL BE DEVOTED TO DOMESTIC AFFAIRS IN HONDURAS. IF A TIME LIMIT IS SET FOR RESUMPTION, IT SHOULD DEFINITELY NOT BE A SHORT ONE. IN FACT, WE BELIEVE THAT IT SHOULD BE LEFT AS OPEN-ENDED AS POSSIBLE, TO AVOID THE CRISIS PSYCHOLOGY ASSOCIATED WITH DEADLINES. SANCHEZ

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